

Tried and Crucified
Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-41
Sabbath School Lesson June 18, 2005
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For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness
(1Cor. 2:2; 1Cor. 1: 23)

Thursday Night

High Priest, Chief Priests, Elders, Scribes (14:53); Council (Sanhedrin) (14:55)

1. Sought for (14:55):
2. Asked Jesus (14:61; Matt. 26:63):
3. The issue was (14:61, 62):
4. Final charge (14:64):
 Was this new? (2:7; John 10:33):
5. What started immediately? (14:65):
 The implied false identity (14:65; contrast Deut 18:15):

Friday

Before 9am (Morning 15:1; after the cock crowed 14:72)

Same group above delivers Jesus to Pilate (15:1)

1. Pilate's question (15:2):
2. Chief priests accused (15:3):
3. Who did they choose over Jesus? (15:7, 11):
 What is the meaning of his name?
4. Motive in the chief priests (15:10):
5. Motive in Pilate (15:15):
6. What did Pilate do immediately upon capitulating? (15:15):
 What did he declare three times? (John 18:38; 19:4, 6)

Soldiers (15:16)

1. What identity did the soldiers mock? (15:18, 20):
2. Why did Jesus not take the wine with myrrh? (15:23): He would receive nothing that could becloud His mind. His faith must keep fast hold upon God. This was His only strength. To becloud His senses would give Satan an advantage. {DA 746.2}

9am (15:25)

1. Part of crucifixion (15:24; compare Prov. 20:16):
2. Identity issue continues (15:26):

Two thieves (15:27)

Symbolize who (15:28):

They that passed by (15:29)

Appealed to what core motive (15:30):

Chief priests (15:31)

Mocked what identity while appealing to the same motive (15:31, 32):

12 noon (15:33)

What was this darkness? (15:33; DA753, 754 nature; Father present but hidden; veil; symbol)

3pm (15:34)

Meaning of Jesus' cry (15:34):

End result of cross (15:37):

Why was veil in temple rent? (15:38):

The centurion (15:39)

Confessed what identity? (15:39):

Battle of identity: priest (He was; Heb. 4:14), governor (He was; Isa 9:6, 7); soldier (He was; Jos. 5:13, 14)

Battle of character at core of identity: give self or save self

Upon Christ as our substitute and surety was laid the iniquity of us all. He was counted a transgressor, that He might redeem us from the condemnation of the law. The guilt of every descendant of Adam was pressing upon His heart. The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity, filled the soul of His Son with consternation. All His life Christ had been publishing to a fallen world the good news of the Father's mercy and pardoning love. Salvation for the chief of sinners was His theme. But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father's reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt. {DA 753.1}

Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus. The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal. Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter, and broke the heart of the Son of God. {DA 753.2}

The spotless Son of God hung upon the cross, His flesh lacerated with stripes; those hands so often reached out in blessing, nailed to the wooden bars; those feet so tireless on ministries of love, spiked to the tree; that royal head pierced by the crown of thorns; those quivering lips shaped to the cry of woe. And all that He endured--the blood drops that flowed from His head, His hands, His feet, the agony that racked His frame, and the unutterable anguish that filled His soul at the hiding of His Father's face--speaks to each child of humanity, declaring, It is for thee that the Son of God consents to bear this burden of guilt; for thee He spoils the domain of death, and opens the gates of Paradise. He who stilled the angry waves and walked the foam-capped billows, who made devils tremble and disease flee, who opened blind eyes and called forth the dead to life,--offers Himself upon the cross as a sacrifice, and this from love to thee. He, the Sin Bearer, endures the wrath of divine justice, and for thy sake becomes sin itself. {DA 755.1}